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--NOT TO MENTION THE MOST ELABORATE ALARM SYSTEM THIS SIDE OF THE PENTAGON!
YOU FBI MEN ARE AS STUMPED AS MY POLICE FORCE, EH--? WELL, WE'LL BE GETTING EXPERT HELP SOON--FROM THE BATMAN!
COMMISSIONER, I MUST LODGE PROTEST AT YOUR BRINGING A MASKED GRANDSTANDER INTO IMPORTANT BUSINESS!
THAT PHONUS-BALONUS IS ONLY INTERESTED IN SHOWY CASES! THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH GLORY IN THIS ONE!.
--NOT THAT I EXPECT HIM TO SHOW UP!
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YOU WANTED ME, COMMISSIONER GORDON?
YES... WE HAVE A REAL BAFFLER! DOCUMENTS INVOLVING SECRET DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE MISSING!
I ASSUME YOU DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA HOW THEY WERE TAKEN?
NOT ONE IDEA, BATMAN!
YOU'VE EXAMINED THE PREMISES!
EXCUSE ME--
YES--AND FOUND NOTHING... EXCEPT A SMALL BIT OF SILVER!
--I'M RATHER ALLERGIC TO NOISY CITY COMMISSIONERS!
CLICK!
NOW...
...YOU WERE SAYING?
HERE IT IS... SINGLE CLUE!
--A FORMLESS HUNK OF METAL!
NOT MUCH TO GO ON!
NOT MUCH, MAYBE... BUT SOMETHING!
DO ME A FAVOR... FIND OUT IF ANYONE WHO WORKS HERE EVER ATTENDED THE PARIS SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY!
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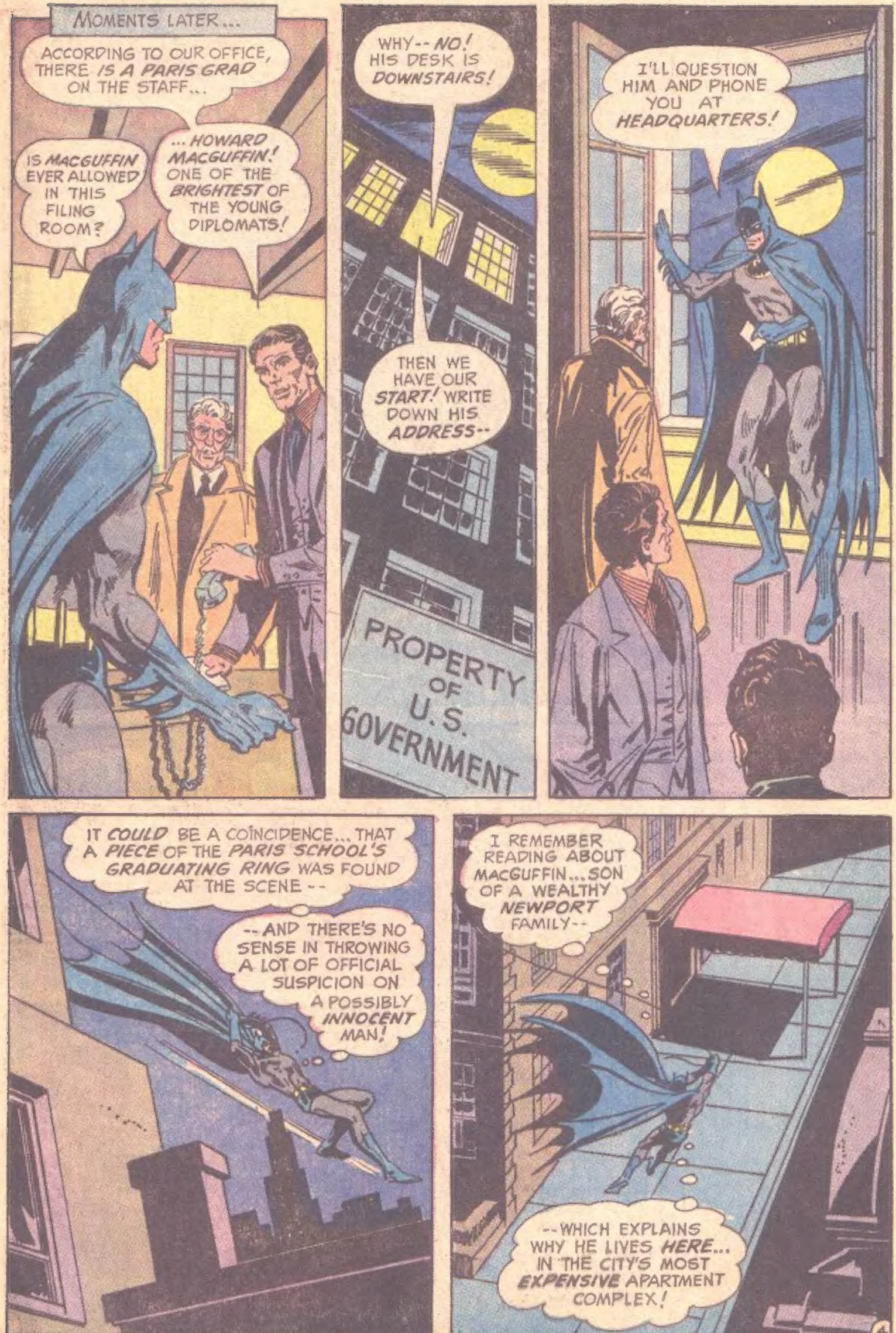
MOMENTS LATER...
ACCORDING TO OUR OFFICE, THERE IS A PARIS GRAD ON THE STAFF...
IS MACGUFFIN EVER ALLOWED IN THIS FILING ROOM?
... HOWARD MACGUFFIN! ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST OF THE YOUNG DIPLOMATS!
WHY-- NO! HIS DESK IS DOWNSTAIRS!
THEN WE HAVE OUR START! WRITE DOWN HIS ADDRESS--
PROPERTY OF U.S. GOVERNMENT
I'LL QUESTION HIM AND PHONE YOU AT HEADQUARTERS!
IT COULD BE A COINCIDENCE... THAT A PIECE OF THE PARIS SCHOOL'S GRADUATING RING WAS FOUND AT THE SCENE--
--AND THERE'S NO SENSE IN THROWING A LOT OF OFFICIAL SUSPICION ON A POSSIBLY INNOCENT MAN!
I REMEMBER READING ABOUT MACGUFFIN... SON OF A WEALTHY NEWPORT FAMILY--
--WHICH EXPLAINS WHY HE LIVES HERE... IN THE CITY'S MOST EXPENSIVE APARTMENT COMPLEX!
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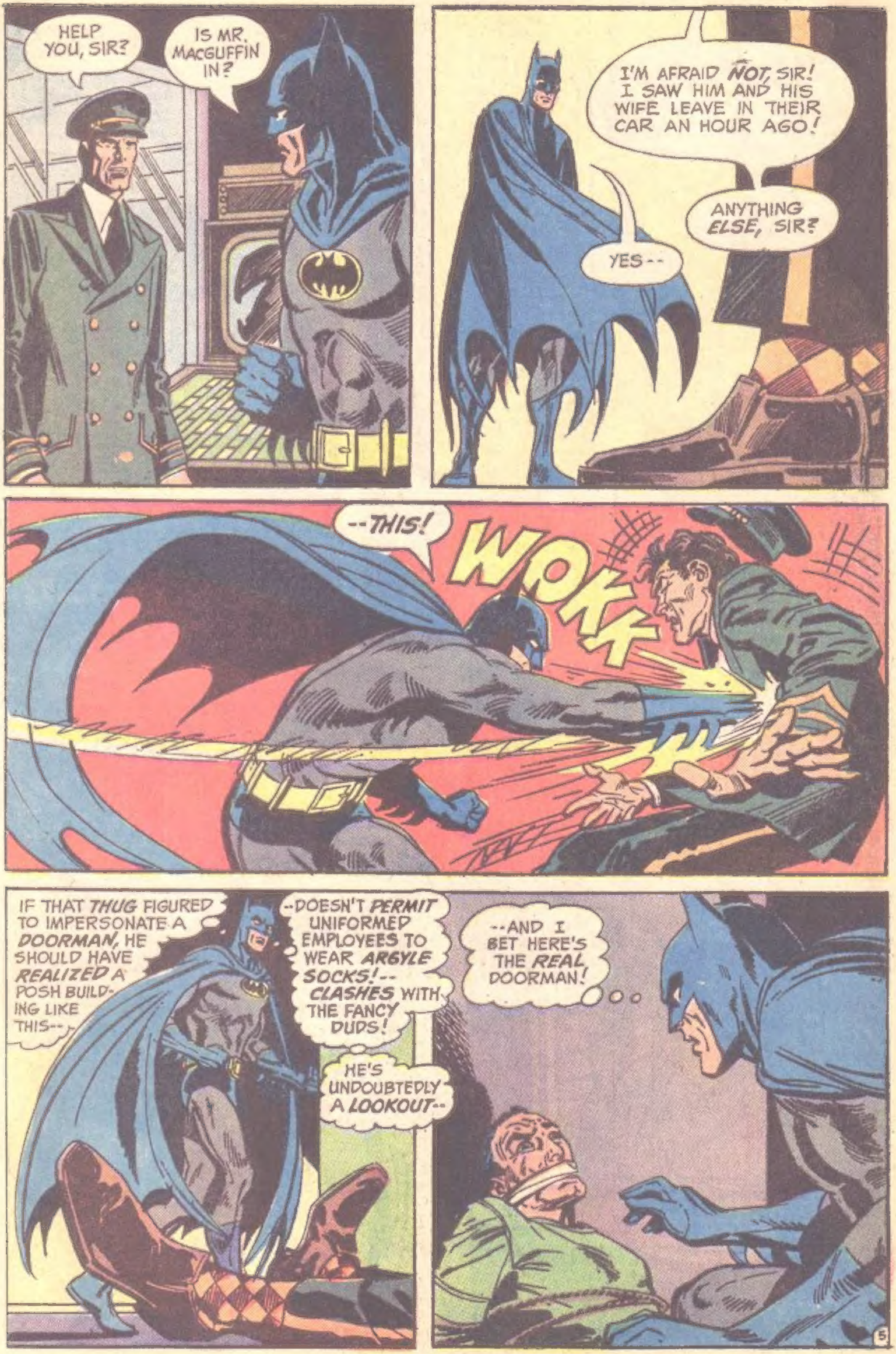
HELP YOU, SIR?
IS MR. MACGUFFIN IN?
I'M AFRAID NOT, SIR! I SAW HIM AND HIS WIFE LEAVE IN THEIR CAR AN HOUR AGO!
YES--
ANYTHING ELSE, SIR?
--THIS!
WOKK
IF THAT THUG FIGURED TO IMPERSONATE A DOORMAN, HE SHOULD HAVE REALIZED A POSH BUILDING LIKE THIS--
--DOESN'T PERMIT UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES TO WEAR ARGYLE SOCKS!-- CLASHES WITH THE FANCY DUDS!
HE'S UNDOUBTEDLY A LOOKOUT--
--AND I BET HERE'S THE REAL DOORMAN!
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IT WAS TERRIBLE! THREE OF 'EM BUSTIN' IN...WITH GUNS! I'M SCARED...
EASY, OLD-TIMER! THEY'LL SOON PAY FOR MAN-HANDLING YOU!
I OUGHT TO DO A CREDITABLE JOB OF IMITATING THE HOOD'S VOICE! I'LL BUZZ THE MacGUFFIN PLACE ON THE INTERCOM AND--
HEY, LISSEN! THE BATMAN GOT PAST ME...HE'S ON THE WAY!
SWELL! WE'LL BE WAITIN'!
PLEASE... MUST YOU-- MURDER?
YEAH, WE MUST, MAC! AN' YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT PRETTY WIFE OF YOURS IF THERE'S ANY SLIP-UPS!
SO KEEP THE YAP BUTTONED!
THE SECOND HE STEPS IN-- BLAST HIM!
I'M ALREADY IN, SCUM--
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I AIN'T SCARED O' YOU!
AN' I DON'T NEED NO GUN--
SWISH!
OH, BUT YOU DO... YOU DO!
YOU HOWARD MacGUFFIN?
YES...
... AND I'VE GOT TO ASK YOU NOT TO MOVE! -- OR I'LL SHOOT... I SWEAR IT--!
YOU'RE NO KILLER, HOWARD!
DROP IT AND LET'S TALK!
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I CAN'T! MY WIFE... SHE'LL DIE UNLESS...
UNLESS WHAT, HOWARD? I KNOW YOU STOLE THE PAPERS...
I DON'T KNOW WHY--OR WHY YOU HAVEN'T MADE A GETAWAY!
I DIDN'T EXPECT THE THEFT TO BE DISCOVERED TILL MORNING! I THOUGHT IT SAFE TO WAIT IN MY APARTMENT FOR HIS CALL!
WHOSE CALL?
THE MAN WHO FORCED ME TO... DO WHAT I DID! --COLONEL SULPHUR!
SULPHUR, HUH?--THE HEAD OF A FREE-LANCE SPY-RING, I RECALL! CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG--
--HE KIDNAPED YOUR WIFE...DEMANDED THE PAPERS... AND HE'LL PHONE TO TELL YOU WHERE TO DELIVER THEM!
EXACTLY! HE SAID THAT IF I DIDN'T COOPERATE --"AT DAWN DIES MARY MacGUFFIN!"
R-R-RING!
THAT'S HIM... MNGH!
SORRY, HOWARD! I'M ANSWERING THE CALL--IN YOUR VOICE!
R-R-RING!
HELLO--COLONEL SULPHUR! I HAVE THE PAPERS...

AHH. THIS I DOUBT! AS I DOUBT YOU'RE REALLY HOWARD MacGUFFIN! AM I PRIVILEGED TO SPEAK WITH THE ILLUSTRIOUS BATMAN?
YOU SEE... I GAVE MacGUFFIN A PASSWORD TO SAY--AND YOU DIDN'T!
AS A RESULT, I SHALL BE CHECKING OUT OF THESE UNSAVORY PREMISES SHORTLY--LEAVING BEHIND A CORPSE!
IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE OUTWITTING YOU, BATMAN! GOOD-BYE!
HOTEL
SULPHUR... I HAVE A BARGAIN--
BLAST! HE HUNG UP!
YOU --BIG SHOT! YOU'VE JUST EXECUTED MARY! I HOPE YOU'RE PROUD...
YOU WOULDN'T WAIT... YOU--
SHUT UP! I'M CTHINK!
SULPHUR SAID "I'D BE "CHECKING OUT"... MIGHT INDICATE HE'S IN A HOTEL! BUT WHICH... THERE ARE HUNDREDS IN GOTHAM!
NO TIME TO INVESTIGATE THEM ALL!
INDICATION OF SULPHUR'S HIDE-OUT!
WHAT.. WHAT?

CAN YOU ANSWER THE BATMAN'S QUESTION?

I MUST ASSUME, MARY, THAT THE GENTLEMEN I SENT TO ACCOMPANY YOUR SPOUSE ARE CAPTIVE! ERGO, I DEPART ALONE!
AT DAWN, I GO... AS, IN ANOTHER FASHION, DO YOU! MY WORD IS MY BOND--
--THUS, CHARMING AS YOU ARE, YOU MUST SUFFER FOR YOUR SPOUSE'S FAILURE!
AHHH ... I SEE PUZZLEMENT IN THIS LOVELY FACE! YOU WONDER WHY I WAIT--
--I HAVE A FETISH ABOUT SUNRISE! I BELIEVE THE RISING OF THE SUN BRINGS ME LUCK!
THUS, TO ESCAPE PUNISHMENT, I COMMIT NO ACTS OF VIOLENCE EXCEPT DURING THE MORNING'S EARLIEST MINUTES!
DURING SUCH MINUTES, I CAN BE QUITE VIOLENT INDEED, AS YOU SHALL LEARN!
A PHYSICIAN ONCE TERMED ME INSANE--
--CORRECT VERDICT, I FEAR!
AHHH...I SEE BY MY EXCELLENT AMERICAN WATCH WE CAN EXPECT THE SUN WITHIN THE HOUR!
TO PASS THE TIME, YOU MAY ENJOY INSPECTING MY HAND... THE CONCEALED WEAPON MAKES IT MORE USEFUL THAN THE ONE I LOST!
I SHALL USE IT TO EFFECT YOUR... DEPARTURE FROM THIS WORLD!

MEANWHILE, IN DOWNTOWN GOTHAM, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, TWO MEN WORK FEVERISHLY--DESPERATELY--TO NO AVAIL!
NO USE, BATMAN! SULPHUR'S THUGS AREN'T TALKING! THEY CLAIM THEY DON'T KNOW
PROBABLY TELLING THE TRUTH... SULPHUR'S SHREWD! HE'D COVER HIS TRACKS...
...THE SUN RISES AT 6:03 TODAY! WE HAVE LESS THAN 48 MINUTES!
...ERE WHIPPED! I'M ALSO AFRAID YOUR REPUTATION WILL BE BADLY DAMAGED WHEN THE NEWS GETS OUT!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? I DON'T CARE ABOUT MY REPUTATION! NO, I KEEP THINKING OF THE WOMAN--
--HOW SHE'LL DIE ... BECAUSE I BLUNDERED! I DON'T WANT TO LIVE WITH THAT, COMMISSIONER!
BUT I'LL HAVE TO... AND THE WORST PART IS, I'M SURE I'VE GOT THE ANSWER--!
WAIT...OF COURSE!
COMMISSIONER, I'VE JUST REMEMBERED-- WHAT I HAD TO REMEMBER!
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I HAVE... I HOPE! EXCUSE ME... I HAVE EXACTLY 43 MINUTES TO TRAVEL ACROSS TOWN!
43 MINUTES... TO SAVE MARY MACGUFFIN!
HOLD IT, BATMAN! YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!
SAYS WHO?
SAYS MY SUPERIORS! YOU'RE DEALING WITH GOVERNMENT BUSINESS! WE CAN'T PERMIT A PRIVATE CITIZEN TO INTERFERE!
THEN YOU ACCOMPANY ME--!
I WILL... EVENTUALLY! MY ORDERS ARE TO HOLD YOU TILL PROPER AUTHORITIES ARRIVE--
THEY SHOULD MAKE IT BEFORE EIGHT!
I CONVINCED WASHINGTON OF YOUR IRRESPONSIBILITY!
MISTER... BY EIGHT, MARY MacGUFFIN WILL BE A HEAP OF COLD MEAT! I'M WALKING OUT... EITHER PAST YOU-- OR OVER YOU!
STEP ASIDE!
COMM. GORDON
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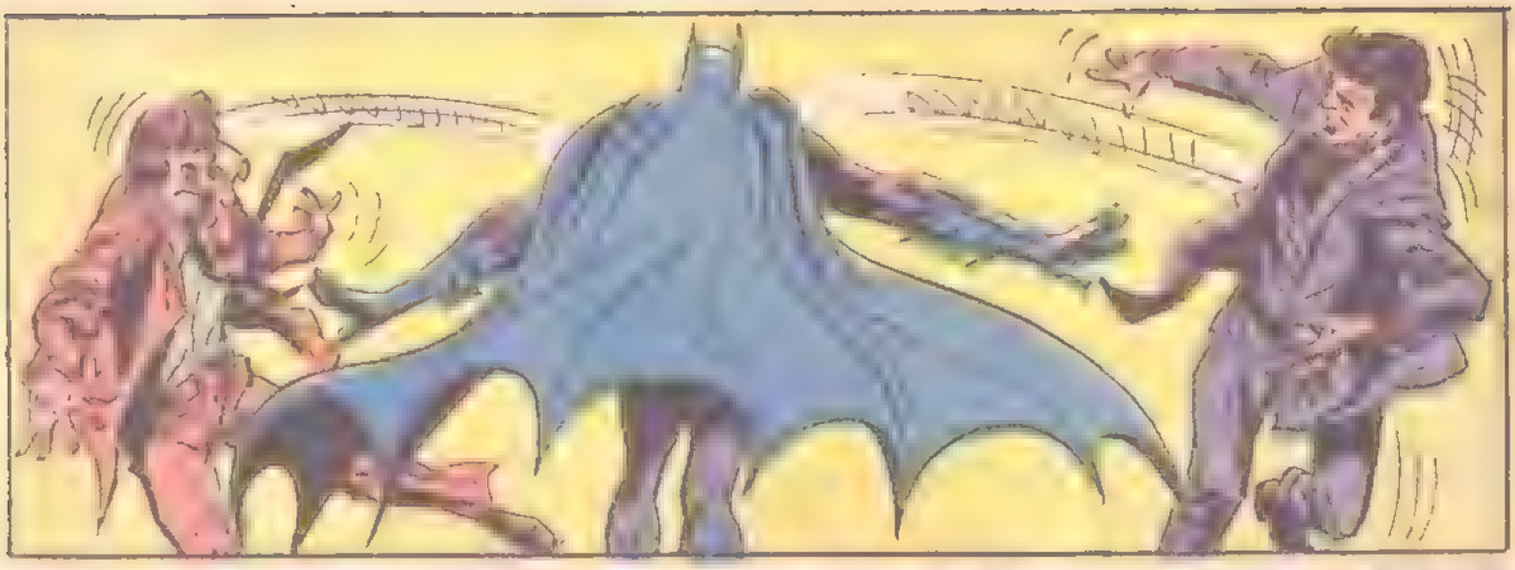

GOOD LUCK, OLD FRIEND! IF YOU SUCCEED YOU'LL BE A HERO!
AND IF YOU FAIL... THEY'LL CRUCIFY YOU!

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...TO AN ANCIENT, CRUMBLING BUILDING--
HOTEL

YOU! A MIDDLE-AGED MAN AND A YOUNG WOMAN CHECKED IN SOMETIME YESTERDAY-- WHICH ROOM?
CAN'T GIVE INFORMATION ON THE GUESTS--

T-TOP FLOOR... TH-THIRD DOOR ON THE L-LEFT!

BEHOLD, MY DEAR! THE GLOW ON THE ROOFTOPS...SIGNALING THE END OF OUR ACQUAINTANCE!
IN A MOMENT, MY DAY WILL BEGIN... AND YOURS FINISH -- FOREVER! GAZE UPON THE FIRST RAYS OF THE SUN --
--FOR THEY ARE THE LAST THINGS YOU WILL SEE! FAREWELL, MY DEAR!
AT THAT INSTANT, THE WALLS SHAKE FROM A SINGLE, POWERFUL BLOW! WORM-RIDDEN WOOD SPLINTERS, AND--
KRASH!
--THE BATMAN!
IN PERSON!
AND YOU ARE COLONEL SULPHUR--!
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I AM AMAZED.. HOW YOU CAUGHT ME IS A MYSTERY!
SIMPLE! I REMEMBERED DURING OUR PHONE CONVERSATION I HEARD AN ELEVATED TRAIN! I MERELY FOUND A HOTEL NEXT TO AN EL'S TRACKS!
MMMPH--
SUDDENLY... A BLADE SNAPS FREE AND THE SPY LUNGES, DRIVING STEEL DEEP INTO THE BATMAN'S BICEPS--
WITH SWIFTNESS RIVALING THE BATMAN'S OWN, HE FLINGS HIMSELF ACROSS THE SMALL SPACE, AND OUT--
HE'S ESCAPING... ONTO THE FIRE-ESCAPE!
HE HURT ME WITH THAT TRICK-HAND. GOT TO IGNORE THE INJURY--
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CAN'T SEE!
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HIS MOMENTARY BLINDNESS BOUGHT ME THE SECOND I NEEDED!
BATMAN! THE DESK CLERK CALLED US... BUT AS USUAL, YOU HAVE THE SITUATION SETTLED!
I'VE RECEIVED WORD FROM WASHINGTON... THOSE CLASSIFIED PAPERS MACGUFFIN TOOK--THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO REVEAL THEM TO THE PUBLIC!
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NIGHT ENDS WITHOUT SLEEP AND THE MORNING YAWNS WEAKLY.. SUN AND SMOG BEGIN THEIR DAILY BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF THE STREETS OF GOTHAM...
BEAUTIFUL MORNING--BUT I FEEL CAUGHT IN THE MIDST OF A VIOLENT HELL-STORM--
--DRAGGING ME TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINY!
BEING... TUGGED... BY AN IRRESISTIBLE PSYCHIC FORCE--!
TERRI! YOU--?!
YES, ROBIN-- IT WAS I WHO TELEPATHED TO YOU!
I... KNOW... YOU'VE HAD SUSPICIONS ABOUT ME--
--AND NOW IT IS TIME FOR THE TRUTH!
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AWARENESS CAME TO ME AT A YOUNG AGE...
...THAT MY MIND WAS STRANGE-- DIFFERENT-- ENDOWED WITH MYSTERIOUS ABILITIES!
THEN, MONTHS AGO, I LEARNED OF A MENTAL "RELATIVE"-- WITH SIMILAR POWERS! I HAD TO CONTACT HER!

BUT IN MY SEARCH, AS THE PSYCHIC VIBRATIONS BECAME STRONGER, I RAN INTO YOU!
FIRST AT HUDSON U-- THEN AT THE VAN WINKLE COMMUNE--
FINALLY, IN YOUR LATEST ADVENTURE WITH RICK ASHER--! YOU ARE THE MENTAL LINK TO MY "RELATIVE"!
M-ME--?!

LATER, IN A CHILDREN'S PLAY- GROUND NEAR HUDSON UNIVERSITY--
ONLY ONCE A MONTH ARE THE CONDITIONS RIGHT FOR CONTACT!
TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT--AND THIS IS THE SPOT!
YOU'RE SURE BEING MYSTERIOUS ABOUT ALL THIS, TERRI--

THAT IS HOW IT MUST BE!
I MUST EVEN CONCEAL MY RELATIVE'S IDENTITY!

IN TITAN HEADQUARTERS, AT MR. JUPITER'S COMPLEX
LILITH? WHAT'S WRONG?
MY EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION, KID FLASH--
--PICKING UP MENTAL RADIATION! SOMEONE'S TRYING TO MAKE CONTACT!

IN SECONDS, MINDS ARE LINKED ACROSS AN ASTRAL PLANE, AND TWO LIVES ARE INSTANTLY SHARED!
BUT THEN-- ALONG THE MENTAL CIRCUIT-
OHHHH!
--DISASTER!
TENSE MOMENTS LATER...
WH-WHAT HAPPENED?
PAIN... A "FIRE" THAT NEARLY CRISPED MY BRAIN!
I SENSE... SOMEHOW... WE MUST GO... THERE!
MAKING THEIR WAY INTO THE WOODS, WHERE...
WHAT--?
WE WORSHIP HERE TONIGHT AS ACOLYTES...
..OF THE DARK DEMON CTHULHU--
--GATHERED TO HALT THOSE WHO WOULD CONVERT OUR LAND INTO A MERE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND!
IN DECADES PAST, THE PROPHET LOVECRAFT GAVE US THE SACRED BOOK OF THE NECRONOMICON!
PEOPLE SCORNED OUR PROPHET, FORCING HIM TO COMMUNICATE HIS OCCULT KNOWLEDGE VIA THE PULP-FICTION MAGAZINES!
I WAS ONE WHO SAW BEYOND-- TO THE TRUTH BEHIND!
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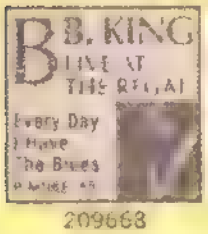

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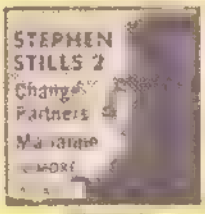

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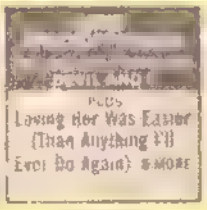

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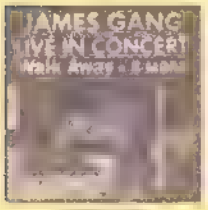

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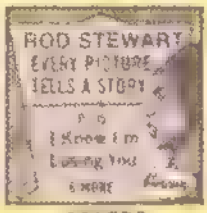

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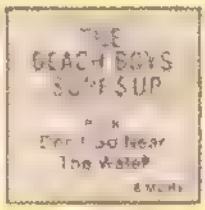

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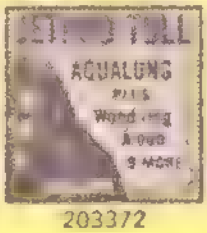

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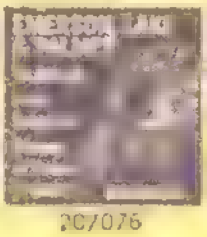
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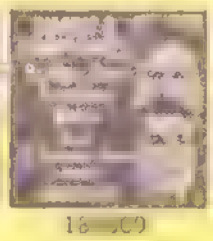
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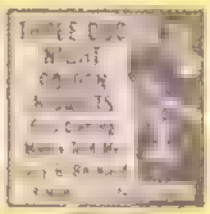
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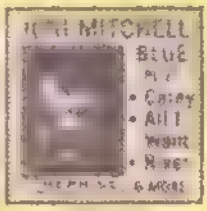

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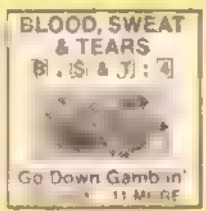

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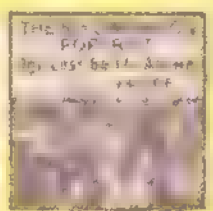
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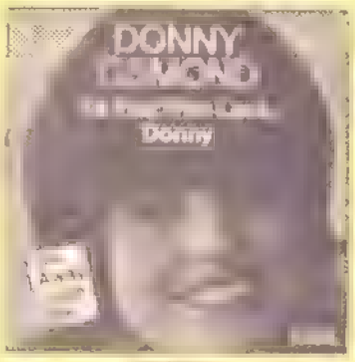

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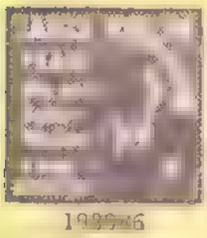
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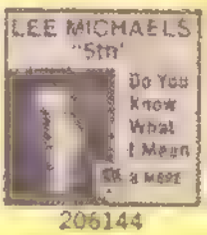

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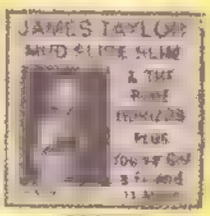

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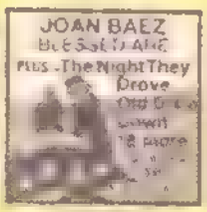

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YOU HAVE FOLLOWED ME BECAUSE YOU, TOO, SEEK A HIGHER POWER--
HERE IS THE POWER OF A DEMON --SEIZE IT! LET NOT OUR ENEMIES TAKE OUR HALLOWED LAND!
WE'VE GOT TO DO SOME-THING!-- I SENSE THEY'RE DANGEROUS!
BUT THEY HAVEN'T BROKEN ANY LAWS! AND THIS IS PUBLIC PROPERTY--
WE CAN'T BUST AN ENTIRE GROUP BECAUSE THEY LIKE TO RECITE WEIRD CHANTS!
WHILE, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...
THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU TAKE ME, KID FLASH!
FROM HERE ON--
I'LL DO MY OWN INVESTIGATING! I KNOW YOU'D LIKE TO HELP, BUT...
I UNDERSTAND, LILITH! IT'S YOUR SHOW!-- TAKE CARE!
YOU--
YOU ARE...TERRI--?
LILITH--!
AT LAST I HAVE "FOUND" YOU! IT'S BEEN SO LONG!
YES...NOW OUR LINK IS CLEAR!
4

WHENEVER ROBIN WAS NEAR, MY MIND FELT SOMEONE REACHING OUT TO ME--BUT I NEVER COULD MAKE THE CONNECTION--!
YOU GIRLS BETTER PUT OFF YOUR SOCIALIZING! THAT CULT IS WORKING UP A FRENZY!
AND SUDDENLY...
HALT, MY FOLLOWERS, WE HAVE ENCROACHERS UPON OUR RITES!
KILL THE HERETICS!
THEY HAVE DESECRATED OUR RITUALS!
THERE IS BUT ONE PUNISHMENT--
--DEATH!
THEIR EYES--BLAZING RED WITH FURY!
ROBIN! THEY'RE POSSESSED--BY A DEMON! LOOK AT THEM!
5

I NOTICE ROBIN IS SHYING AWAY FROM HITTING THE FEMALE CULTISTS--
GUESS HE'S A NORMAL MALE--
--RATHER TRADITIONAL--!
GUESS AGAIN, LILITH! LOOK AT HIM NOW!
I'M CERTAINLY A MALE--
--AND SOME WOULD EVEN CALL ME "PIG"-- BUT CHAUVINIST-- NEVER!
I'LL STOP ANYONE FROM KILLING!
YET THE CULTISTS ARE NOT TO BE DEFEATED! AGAIN AND AGAIN THEY ATTACK IN A RAGING RED TIDE OF CLEAVING MURDER...
ROBIN'S BATTLING LIKE HIS MENTOR...
...BUT HE'S BADLY OUTNUMBERED! EVENTUALLY THEY'LL WEAR HIM DOWN-- SLAUGHTER HIM!
6

THEIR TREMENDOUS STRENGTH... MUST COME FROM THE OCCULT!
WE MUST UNITE OUR MINDS, TERRI! CHANNEL YOUR PSYCHIC MIGHT THROUGH MY EXTRA-SENSES...
THERE-- IT IS DONE!
NOW WE MUST DIRECT THE UNIFIED FORCE AGAINST THE EVIL IN THE CULTISTS!
UNNNH! THE STRAIN IS TOO HARD-- MY MIND SWAMPED WITH POWER-- TOO MUCH--
YOU'RE SIMPLY INEXPERIENCED IN THE USE OF YOUR POWERS, TERRI! TRY HARDER--
-FOR ROBIN'S SAKE...!
I...I AM TRYING-- BUT
CAN'T...
TERRI!!
FAIL...
IT...
BUT THE EFFECT IS FELT ELSEWHERE...
THE GIRLS CAME THROUGH JUST IN TIME! MY ATTACKERS SUDDENLY WEAKENED...
...AS IF FINALLY FEELING ALL THE BLOWS I HANDED 'EM!
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE STILL LINGERING AROUND HERE!
BETTER SPOT IT FAST--
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AND OUT OF NIGHT'S SHADOWS COMES THE TEEN WONDER'S ANSWER...
I'VE ESCAPED NOTICE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE BATTLE--
THE ELDER GODS PROTECT ME...
THERE IS... DANGER!...
...MUST USE POWER... SAVE ROBIN...
...FROM DEADLY DANCER!
NEVER COUNT THE CULT OF CTHULHU OUT!
WUMP!
THERE'S... A MYSTERY HERE
...IF ONLY I HAD THE TIME... AND A CLEAR HEAD..TO FIGURE IT OUT..
THE MIGHTY PRIMAL ONE GUIDES MY HAND--
HIS ARM SWINGS THE SWORD OF VENGEANCE!
CTHULHU BRINGS DEATH TO ALL!!
NEED WE SAY-- MORE TO COME!!? BE WITH US NEXT ISSUE WHEN ROBIN REACHES HIS... "DEATH-POINT!"

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THERE IS A TIME WHEN JUSTICE IS BLIND, WHEN JUSTICE ERRS, THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW FONTS AN ACCUSING FINGER AT AN INNOCENT MAN. THIS IS THE STORY OF SUCH A MAN... A MAN WHO, BECAUSE OF THE LAW'S WRONG JUDGMENT, ALMOST BECAME A CRIMINAL, BUT FOR THE TIMELY INTERVENTION OF THE BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER. FOR, IT WAS THEY WHO GAVE HIM BACK HIS SELF-RESPECT AND WEEDED OUT THE EVIL THAT WAS TO BE FOUND IN
"THE CASE OF THE HONEST CROOK"
A CRY CUTS SHAGGILY THROUGH THE MIST AND A THRILL RUNS THROUGH THE CROWD AS A FIGURE SLINKS OUT OF THE DEEP SHADOWS.....
STOP-THIEF!
STORY: BILL FINGER
ART: BOB KANE

A BATMAN CLASSIC

HOLD HIM! HOLD HIM!
AS THE BATMAN IS ABOUT TO STRIKE THE THIEF, SOMETHING IN THE BOY'S EYES STAYS HIS FIST. FOR THEY REVEAL A DESPERATE, TORTURED SOUL.

SIX DOLLARS?-- WHY ONLY SIX DOLLARS, WHEN YOU COULD HAVE HAD MORE?
I'M NOT REALLY A CROOK I-I JUST NEEDED SIX DOLLARS. MY WIFE IS SICK I NEEDED MEDICINE-AND-AND-

"BUT MY GIRL, ANN, DON'T WANT TO GET MARRIED UNTIL WE HAD $1000 IN THE BANK!"
LET'S WAIT UNTIL WE'VE GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY FURNITURE AND EVERYTHING ELSE, JOE. LET'S PLAY SAFE!
OKAY, HONEY. WE ONLY NEED $200 MORE. IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!

A BATMAN CLASSIC

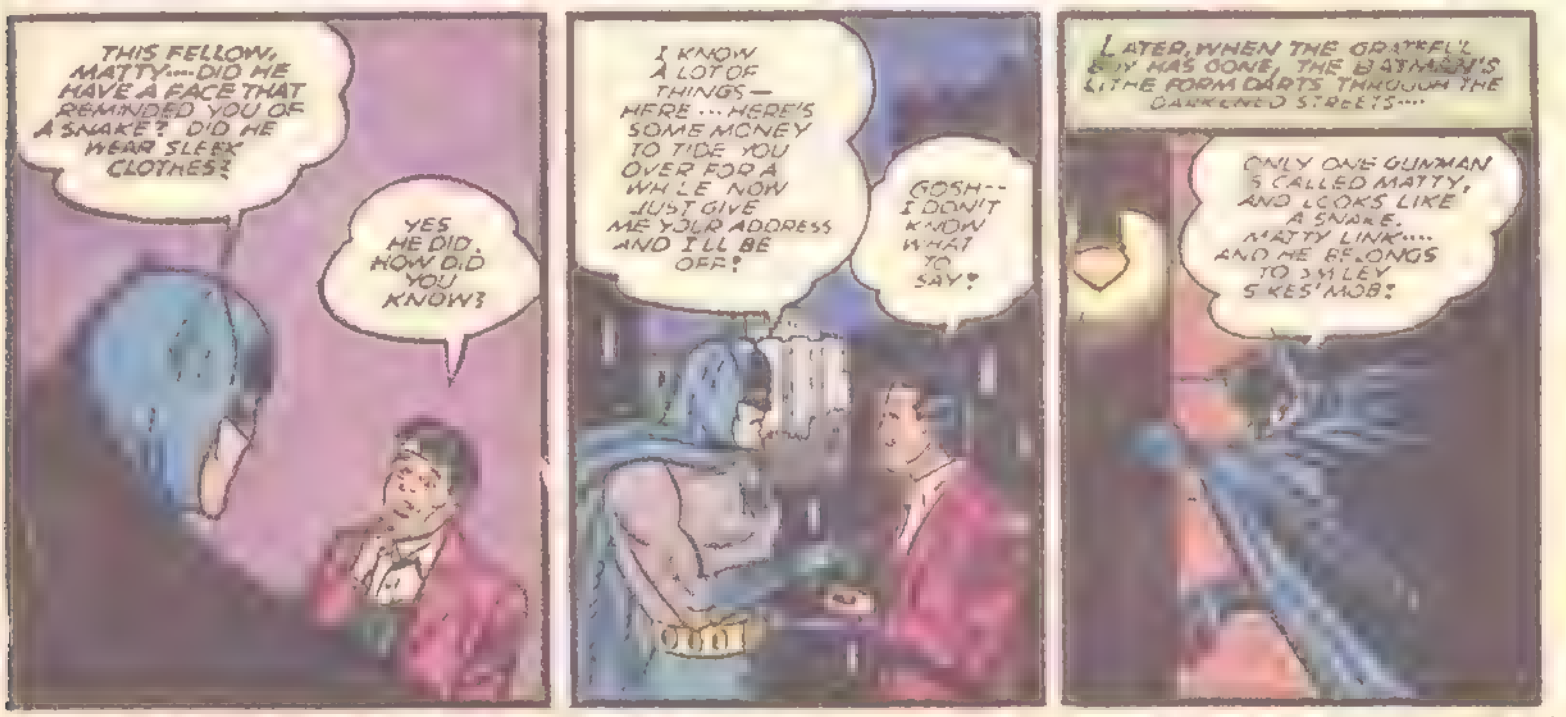
"THOSE HARD-LOOKING MEN JUMPED OUT. ONE WALKED OVER TO ME...."
LISTEN, KID, THE COPS ARE ON OUR TRAIL. WE JUST PULLED A BIG JOB, AND WE WANTA TO KEEP THIS HOT CAR HERE FOR THE NIGHT!
KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT, AND I'LL SLIP YOU A COUPLE HUNDRED BUCKS TOMORROW WHEN I GET THE CAR-- OTHERWISE--
$200! WE'D HAVE THE $1000! ANN AND I COULD GET MARRIED!
"I MUST HAVE BEEN CRAZY BECAUSE I AGREED TO IT. EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, I RAN TO ANN'S HOUSE TO TELL HER THE GOOD NEWS...!"
ANN, ANN- WE CAN GET MARRIED! I'LL HAVE THAT $700 BY TONIGHT!
BUT JOE-- WHERE DID YOU GET IT?
"I COULDN'T LIE TO ANN. I TOLD HER THAT I--AND JOE--
IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO START THE FOUNDATION OF OUR MARRIED LIFE ON THAT KIND OF MONEY, YOU'RE MISTAKEN, JOSEPH SANDS!
ALL RIGHT- ALL RIGHT! I WON'T TAKE THE MONEY... I PROMISE!
"I TOLD THE MOBSTER ABOUT IT THAT NIGHT WHEN HE CAME FOR HIS CAR. I COULD SEE HE DIDN'T LIKE THE IDEA...."
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS MISTER. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY- I WON'T TELL ANYBODY ABOUT THE JOB YOU PULLED!
OKAY- OKAY! JUST MAKE SURE O' THAT!
"I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE END OF THAT, BUT I WAS WRONG. THAT NIGHT, AFTER I TOOK ONE OF OUR PARKING PATRONS HOME AND WAS BRINGING HIS CAR BACK TO THE GARAGE TO BE PARKED OVERNIGHT...."
"I WAS PRETTY DAZED, BUT COULD TELL THAT ONE OF THE MEN FROM THE OTHER CAR WAS THE GANGSTER WHO HAD APPROACHED ME.... SOMEBODY CALLED HIM MATTY!"
WHY DON'T WE PLUG 'IM? THAT'LL SHUT HIM UP!
NO, THE BOSS DON'T LIKE THAT. WE JUST FIX HIM LIKE THIS..... LIQUOR.... SEE?
"[illegible] THEY HIT ME OVER THE HEAD WITH A [illegible] AND STEPPED ON THE GAS, SENT THE CAR SPEEDING THROUGH THE STREET....."

A BATMAN CLASSIC

"I WAS STILL UNCONSCIOUS, AND WITH NO ONE AT THE WHEEL, IT TORE ACROSS THE LAWN AND CRASHED INTO A STORE...."
CRASH!
DRUNK-- DRUNK AS A LORD!
"I WAS BROUGHT BEFORE A JUDGE WHO DISLIKED DRUNKEN DRIVERS. I HAD AN EXCELLENT LAWYER, OF COURSE, BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT MUCH FROM THE STORY...."
YOU DRUNKEN DRIVER! YOU ARE A PUBLIC MENACE. I'M GOING TO SENTENCE YOU TO TWO YEARS IN THE STATE PRISON!
YOU CAN'T! I WAS ASLEEP, I TELL YOU! I WAS FRAMED!
OH HUH
"ANN WAS WAITING FOR ME WHEN I GOT OUT. I WAS BROKE. THEY HAD TAKEN MY SAVINGS TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGES TO THE STORE AND THE CAR.'
THE FIRST THING I'M GOING TO DO IS GET THAT GANGSTER WHO FRAMED ME TO GET ME OUT OF THE WAY!
NO-NO! THEY'LL KILL YOU! JOE, IF YOU FORGET ABOUT HIM- I'LL MARRY YOU- MARRY YOU TODAY! PLEASE- FOR ME!
"A SWELL GIRL, ANN! I ADORED HER AND WE WERE MARRIED AS SOON AS I GOT MYSELF A JOB."
....DO YOU, ANN DAVIS, TAKE THIS MAN TO....
"I GUESS WE THOUGHT A LOT OF TROUBLES WERE OVER. IT WE WERE WRONG. ONE DAY A... CALLED ME INTO HIS OFFICE...."
I'VE JUST LEARNED YOU HAVE A PRISON RECORD. WE CAN'T ALLOW THAT IN THIS COMPANY. YOU'RE DISCHARGED.
"...AND IT WAS THE SAME AT THE VERY OTHER JOB AS SOON AS THEY FOUND OUT I WAS ONCE IN JAIL---"
ARUMPH! IN VIEW OF YOUR PAST RECORD-- ARUMPH--
YEAH-- I KNOW-- I'M FIRED!
"....IT GOT SO I COULDN'T HOLD ANY JOB. IT WAS ALMOST FLAT BROKE. THE DAY ANN FELL SICK---"
SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT, DOC-- SHE'LL BE ALL RIGHT?
GET THIS PRESCRIPTION FILLED AND BUY THESE MEDICINES. THAT'LL DO IT!

A BATMAN CLASSIC

I GAVE THE DOCTOR OUR LAST TWO DOLLARS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO ABOUT THE MEDICINES—"
ABOUT HOW MUCH DO YOU GUESS ALL THAT WILL BE?
MM-I SHOULD SAY ABOUT-SIX DOLLARS!
"SIX DOLLARS...AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SIX MILLION."
SIX DOLLARS TO SAVE ANN. WHERE CAN I GET SIX DOLLARS?.....I CAN'T STEAL IT.... OR....OR CAN I?
THAT'S IT! I-I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A GUN... I JUST SHOVED MY HAND IN MY POCKET! I-I'M SORRY MISTER, IF I...
I'LL FORGET ALL ABOUT IT YOU DO THE SAME THING!


THIS FELLOW, MATTY....DID HE HAVE A FACE THAT REMINDED YOU OF A SNAKE? DID HE WEAR SLEEK CLOTHES?
YES HE DID. HOW DID YOU KNOW?
I KNOW A LOT OF THINGS— HERE... HERE'S SOME MONEY TO TIDE YOU OVER FOR A WHILE NOW JUST GIVE ME YOUR ADDRESS AND I'LL BE OFF!
GOSH-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!
LATER, WHEN THE GRATEFUL BOY HAS GONE, THE BATMAN'S LITHE FORM DARTS THROUGH THE DARKENED STREETS....
ONLY ONE GUNMAN IS CALLED MATTY, AND LOOKS LIKE A SNAKE. MATTY LINK.... AND HE BELONGS TO SMILEY SIKES' MOB!

AS A MOBSTER STANDS GUARD BEFORE THE SANCTUM OF THE GANGLORD....SILENTLY, AN ARM OF STEEL ENCIRCLES HIS THROAT....
EVENING, SMILEY! THOUGHT I'D COME TO PAY A SOCIAL CALL!
THE BATMAN!

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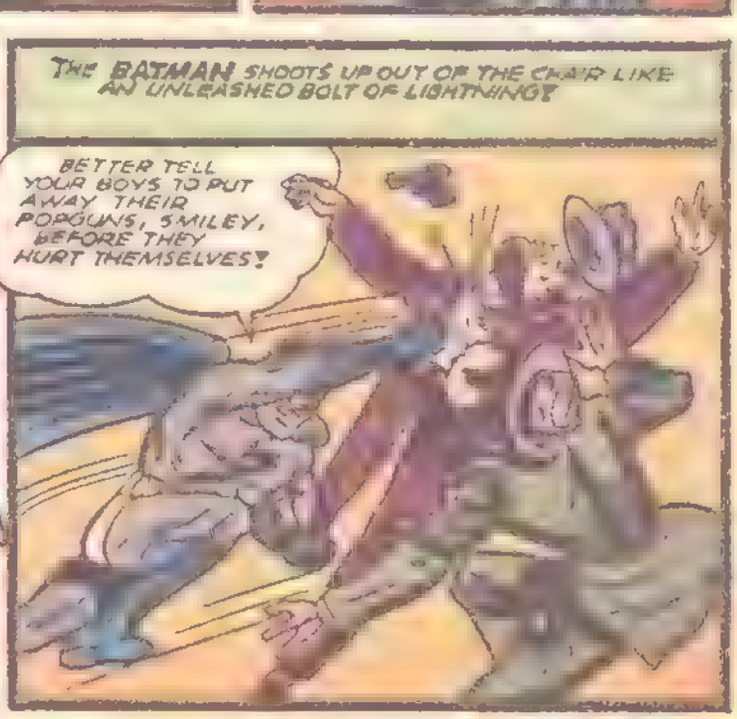
MATTY LINK FRAMED A KID I KNOW--JOE SANDS. WOULD YOU BY ANY CHANCE HAVE BEEN THE ONE WHO FIXED UP THE FRAME?
NOW, THAT'S A KINDA PERSONAL QUESTION. I DON'T LIKE THAT--SO YA KNOW WHAT IM GONNA DO--?

...I'M GONNA LET THE BOYS MUSS YOU UP A BIT SO YOU DON'T ASK ME THINGS LIKE THAT NO MORE. NO SHOTS, BOYS--WE DON'T WANT THE POLICE IN OUR PRIVATE PARTY!


THE BATMAN SHOOTS UP OUT OF THE CHAIR LIKE AN UNLEASHED BOLT OF LIGHTNING!
BETTER TELL YOUR BOYS TO PUT AWAY THEIR POPGUNS, SMILEY, BEFORE THEY HURT THEMSELVES!

ENJOYING YOUR LITTLE RIDE?
TCH-TCH! HOW CARELESS OF ME..... SLIPPED RIGHT OUT OF MY HANDS!
AU REVOIR, GENTLEMEN- I HOPE I HAVEN'T CAUSED YOU ANY INCONVENIENCE!
BY THE WAY, SMILEY, I GUESS YOU FRAMED THE KID AFTER ALL! THANKS FOR TELLING ME!
SLAM!
A FEW MOMENTS AFTER THE BATMAN HAS LEFT ANOTHER ENTERS SALTY'S HEAD-QUARTERS....IT IS MATTY LINK!
H'YA SMILEY? SAY- WHAT HIT THIS PLACE...A CYCLONE?
YEAH- AND ITS NAME WAS BATMAN!
THE BATMAN WAS ASKIN' ABOUT YOU.... AN' ABOUT JOE SANOS!
BATMAN- JOE SANOS! I-I THINK I BETTER GET OUTA TOWN FOR A COUPLA MONTHS! ER-I'LL BE SEEIN' YA!

AFTER MATTY LEAVES....
I GOTTA HUNCH THE BATMAN IS GONNA TRY TO MAKE MATTY TALK. MAYBE MATTY OUGHTA TAKE A VACATION-- A PERMANENT ONE!
YE-AH?
AND SO THE NEXT MORNING, BRUCE WAYNE, IN REALITY THE BATMAN, READS STARTLING NEWS....
I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THIS. SMILEY COVERS HIMSELF WELL!
DAILY
MOBSTER SHOT TO DEATH
THE BULLET-RIDDLED BODY OF MATTY LINK
HE SPEAKS WITH HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, WHOSE OTHER SELF IS ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER!
DICK, I WANT YOU TO SEARCH MATTY LINK'S ROOMS MAYBE YOU CAN DIG UP SOMETHING LINKING HIM AND SMILEY WITH JOE SANDS.
SURE THING, BRUCE!
MAYBE THE POLICE FOUND SOMETHING ON MATTY'S BODY--SO-O-O-O.... I SHALL VISIT MY GOOD FRIEND, POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON, AS BRUCE WAYNE SOCIETY PLAYBOY--AND SEE WHAT I CAN FIND OUT!
NIGHT HAS THROWN ITS BLACK CLOAK OVER THE CITY. A SLIM FIGURE MOVES SWIFTLY AND SILENTLY UP A FIRE-ESCAPE TO THE LATE MATTY LINK'S DARKENED ROOMS....
BUT ROBIN IS NOT THE ONLY ONE ABOUT TO SEARCH MATTY'S ROOMS, FOR AT THAT MOMENT.....
WHAT'S THE IDEA OF US SEARCHIN' THE PLACE ANYWAY?
SMILEY WANTS TA MAKE SURE THERE'S NOTHIN' HERE THAT MIGHT TIE HIM UP WITH THIS SANDS KID!
HEY--LOOK-- A SHADOW-- SOMEONE'S COMIN' UP THE FIRE ESCAPE!
DOUSE THE LIGHTS! LET'S GO IN, IN BACK OF THESE CLOSETS.
FLICK!

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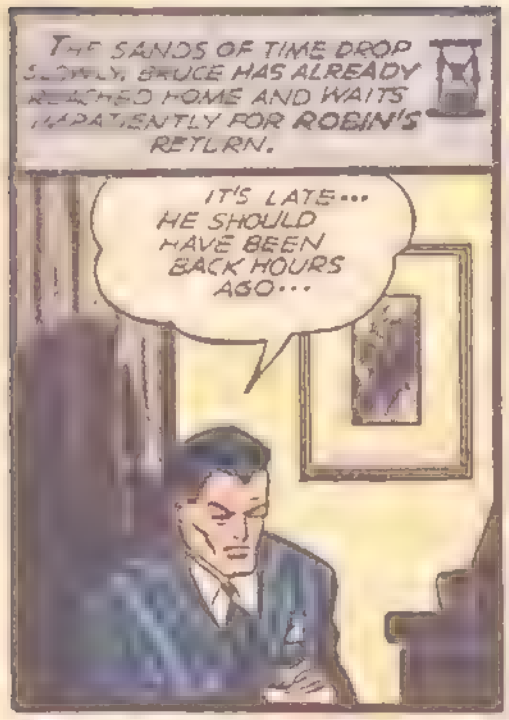
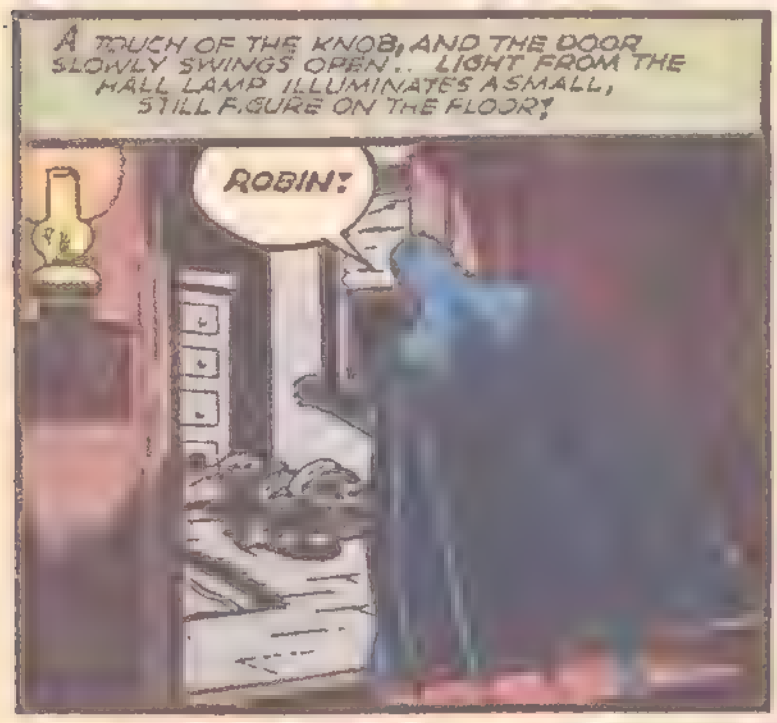

THE SANDS OF TIME DROP SLOWLY. BRUCE HAS ALREADY REACHED HOME AND WAITS IMPATIENTLY FOR ROBIN'S RETURN.
IT'S LATE... HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN BACK HOURS AGO...

HASTILY, HE DONS HIS COSTUME. AN INSTANT LATER, HE SENDS THE WEIRD BATMOBILE STREAKING THROUGH THE CITY STREETS--
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO HIM-- I FEEL IT!

MOMENTS LATER, THE BATMAN STOPS BEFORE THE DOOR OF MATTY'S ROOM.....
THE STRANGEST FEELING JUST CAME OVER ME. I-I SEEM TO DREAD OPENING THIS DOOR-


A TOUCH OF THE KNOB, AND THE DOOR SLOWLY SWINGS OPEN.. LIGHT FROM THE HALL LAMP ILLUMINATES A SMALL, STILL FIGURE ON THE FLOOR!
ROBIN!

THE BATMAN, MAN WHO HAS FACED A THOUSAND DANGERS, MAN OF STRENGTH AND WILL-POWER, NOW BENDS HIS HEAD AND WEEPS. ANGUISHED SOBS ARE TORN FROM HIM!

SLOWLY, HIS GREAT FRAME STRAIGHTENS. SMALL VEINS STAND OUT ON HIS FEATURES. MUSCLES CORD IN HIS THROAT. HIS EYES BECOME FIRES, HIS MOUTH A KNIFE-EDGED LINE--
FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE BATMAN KNOWS RAGE, BLEAK, GRIM RAGE, WOE TO ALL CRIMINALS, FOR NOW, THE BATMAN HAS BECOME A TERRIBLE FIGURE OF VENGEANCE!

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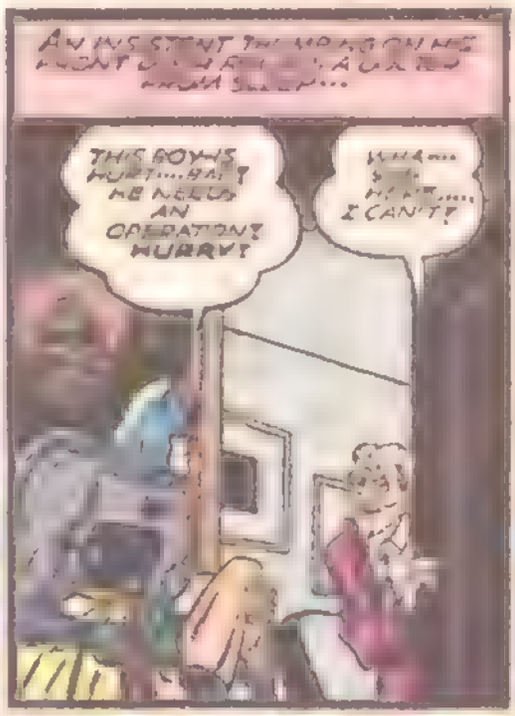

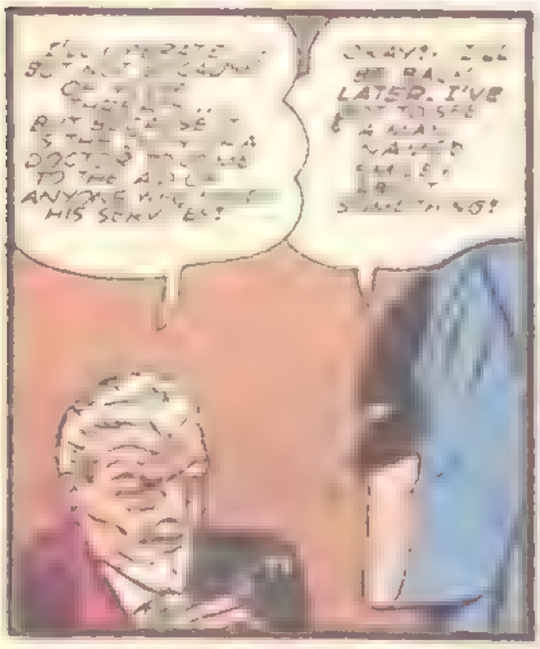

IN SMILEY'S RETREAT....
YEAH...AS SOON AS I [illegible] I KNEW IT WAS THAT ROBIN KID THAT WORKS WITH THE BATMAN!
NICE WORK! THAT'LL WARN HIM TO KEEP AWAY!
SMILEY! THE BATMOBILE JUST PULLED UP!

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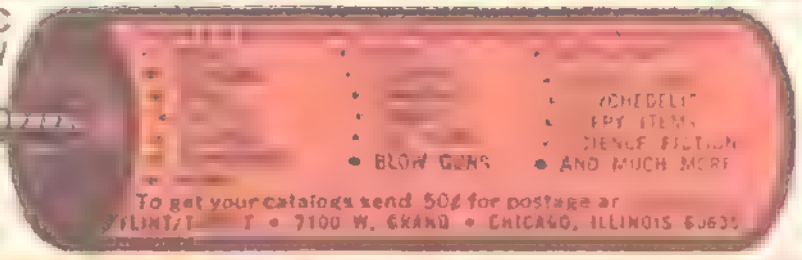

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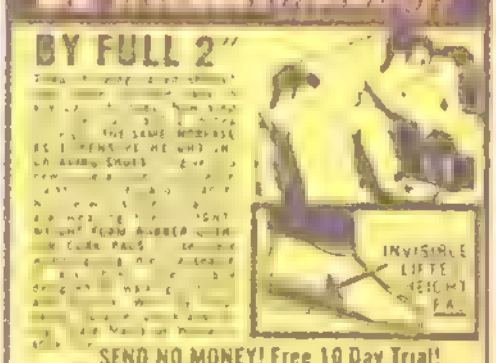

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YOU MURDERING RATS—YOU WON'T FORGET THIS DAY!
ANOTHER BULLET LODGES IN THE BATMAN'S SHOULDER, BUT IT IS NO MORE THAN A FLEA BITE TO HIM NOW—
BY NOW, THE BATMAN HAS THROWN ALL CAUTION TO THE WINDS! HE IS MAD, FIGHTING MAD!
RATS... DIRTY RATS!
LONG AGO, THE BATMAN HAD DISCARDED HIS CAPE AND HIS BULLET-PROOF VEST BECAUSE IT HAMPERED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.
PICKING UP ONE HELPLESS THUG, THE BATMAN USES HIM AS A HUMAN BLUDGEON.
I'D LIKE TO BEAT YOU ALL TO A PULP BEFORE I GET TO WORK ON YOU!
A BULLET SINGS ITS SONG OF DEATH AS IT HUMS PAST HIS EAR....
SMILEY! YOU'RE THE MAN I WANT!

A BULLET SKIDS OFF THE BATMAN'S RIBS, BUT HE DOES NOT FALTER....
HA HA HA HA!
I'M GOING TO WIPE THAT SMILE OFF YOUR FACE!
AS SMILEY SEES THAT THE BATMAN ADVANCES IN THE FACE OF DEATH, HE GROWS NERVOUS, AIMS HASTILY....
I KNOW ONE OF MY SHOTS HIT, BUT HE DOESN'T STOP. HE ISN'T HUMAN!
I'M GOING TO GET YOU, SMILEY!
UGH!
DRAGGING SMILEY TO HIS FEET, THE BATMAN BLASTS A VICIOUS UPPERCUT TO HIS CHIN....
NOT SMILING NOW, ARE YOU?
AND FOLLOWS UP WITH A TERRIFIC RIGHT CROSS....
ALMOST FORGOT MY ORIGINAL REASON FOR HUNTING YOU UP IN THE FIRST PLACE. I WANT A WRITTEN CONFESSION FROM YOU...ABOUT HOW YOU FRAMED JOE SANDS OR BY GODFREY, I'LL...
DON'T... DON'T HIT ME AGAIN! I'LL DO ANYTHING BUT DON'T HIT ME!
CONFESSION IN HAND, THE BATMAN GRABS SMILEY AS HE SEES THE FLOOR OF HIS CELL. NO ONE OFFERS RESISTANCE. THEY ARE TOO AWED BY THIS MAN WITH HIS FACE SET IN AN UNYIELDING MASK....
THINK WE OUGHTA TAKE A SHOT AT THE BATMAN!
NOT ME! I AIN'T TACKLIN' WITH HIM TODAY!

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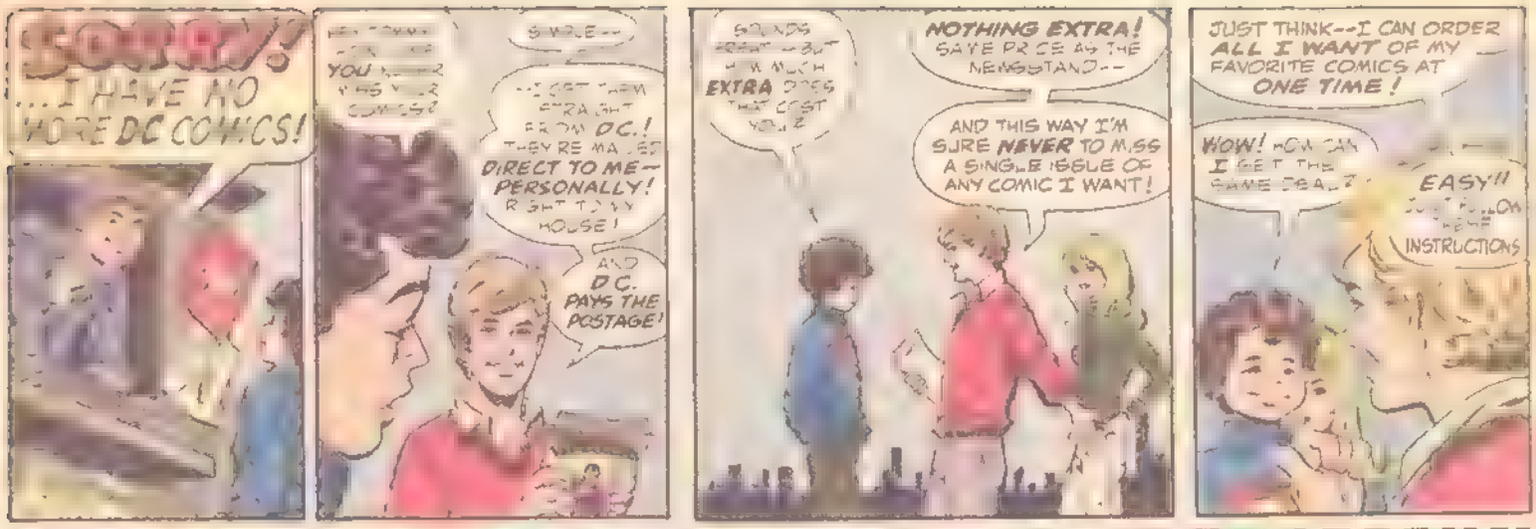
HERE....HERE'S SMILEY....AND HERE'S SOMETHING YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN.... A CONFESSION!
THE POLICE ARE TOO AS TO VOID TO EVEN HALT THE MASKED FIGURE....
D'D-DID YOU SEE HIS FACE?
YEAH! THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I EVER SAW IT LOOK LIKE THAT! IT-IT WAS TERRIBLE....LIKE A DEMON'S!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER....
HOW IS HE... HOW IS ROBIN?
HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT HE'LL LIVE!
I-I... I THINK I'M GOING TO BE A SISSY AND FAINT, DOC.... SORRY!
"SISSY AND FAINT"... I DON'T KNOW HOW HE KEPT GOING THE WAY HE DID.... WITH THREE BULLETS IN HIM! AMAZING.... AMAZING....
THE NEXT DAY....
I-I WAS TEMPTED TO LOOK AT YOUR FACE WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS, BUT I DON'T. I LEFT YOUR COWL ON WHILE I OPERATED. YOUR IDENTITY IS STILL SECRET. IT'S BETTER THAT WAY!
DOCTOR.... YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
BY THE WAY.... THOSE PEOPLE YOU WANTED ME TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ARE WAITING OUTSIDE!
THANKS TO YOU, MY NAME IS CLEARED NOW AND ANN WILL BE ALL RIGHT!
....AND ME, I GAVE HIM A JOB IN MY STORE! HE IS A NICE BOY!
ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL, EH, ROBIN?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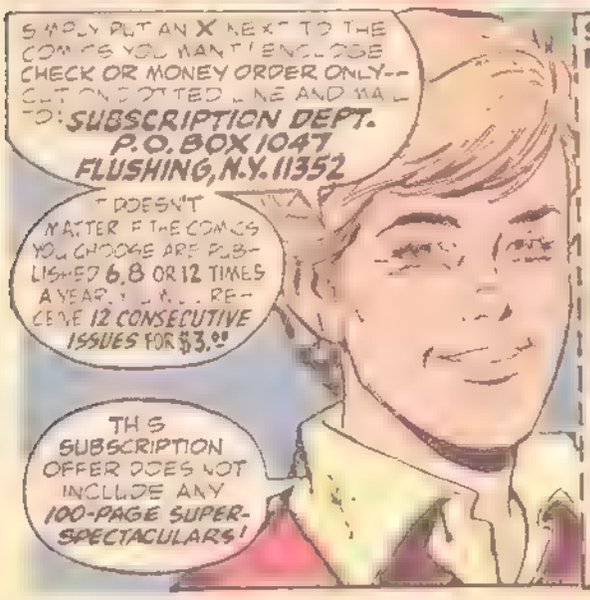
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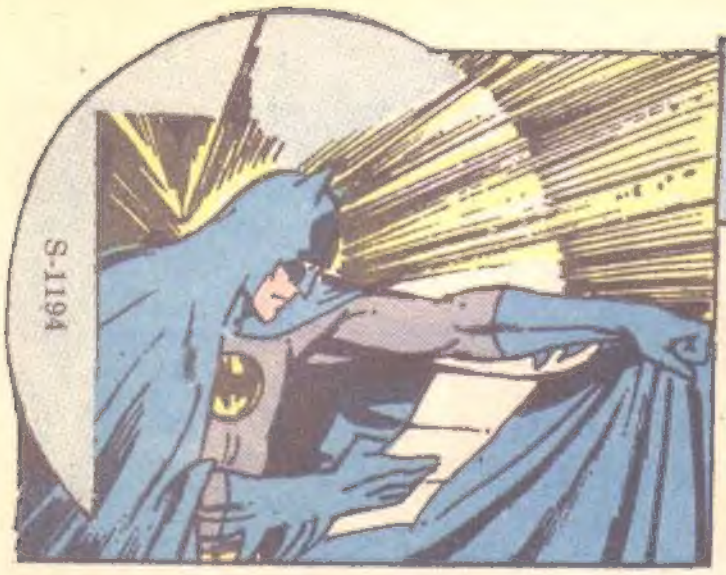

LETTERS to the BATMAN

Dear Editor:

After reading *Batman* #237's "Night of the Reapper" I spent three hours analyzing it, with the conclusion that it is one of the five best stories of the year. Denny O'Neil's handling of the Nazi war criminal plot is sheer perfection. His technique of *in-depth* characterization is remarkable. Dr. Gruener is a perfect example of the Hasidic saying: "He who feels no compassion will become insane!" The conflict between *Batman* and the doctor is a masterstroke of genius. The setting is *fantastic;* putting reality in fiction is a great idea. The Adams-Giordano artwork added a beautiful magic to each and every page of the story.

The (Untitled) *Batman* reprint was a great back-up story. It shows that the character has traveled full circle in 31 years, back to the way he was meant to be and should always be—a creature of the night!

WILLIAM G. LAKS, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

(What this critic story-rates as "one of five best of the year" the next reviewer applauds as "the best Batman *of* all time!" —JS*)*

Dear Editor:

As I sit in front of my typewriter on All Hallows Day, I think to myself: this HAS to be the *best Batman* story of *all time!*

And what makes "Night of the Reaper" so great in my mind? Is it the setting, at fandom's greatest social event? Is it the fact that I recognized so many of the participants from the New York Con? Could it have been Adams' superlative renderings on so many pages? Or how about O'Neil's masterfully suspenseful plot, *The Batman's* self-accusing monologue on page 19 (I was beginning to wonder if he was ever going to realize that he was the cause of so many problems as well as the solution), the soul-searing final scene? On the other hand, it may have been the comic touches (Weiss' float-mania, the costumed fans, the hilarious dialogue on page 12 between O'Neil and "Thor").

More than likely, though, it was a little bit of all these that made "Night of the Reaper" the best *Batman* story I have ever read. *Batman* #237, an extraordinary end to an extraordinary year for *The Batman,* one of the most extraordinary characters of modern fiction!

ROBERT STRAUSS, St. Petersburg, Fla.

(We were hard-pressed to come up with an adverse report on the "Reaper", but we managed it—or did we? Judge for yourself! —JS*)*

Dear Editor:

"Night of the Reaper", an at-times *stretched* use of *camp, great* Adams/Giordano art, a somewhat *flat* plot, but nonetheless *superior* script, *disappointing* coloring, a *fantastic Batman* solo from 1940 and a *fascinating* chance to compare *The Batman* as he was first created and now, made *Batman,* #237 a somewhat *head-spinning* issue!

I'd sort of sworn off the "let's- analyze-the-mag-piece-by-piece" type of letter—or so I thought. Unfortunately, the latest *Batman* calls for just that!

The cover was detestable, even from a selling-appeal standpoint. One thing is its coloring. The Reaper should most definitely have had the purple togs he wore inside—white on white is *blehh,* even with black shadow. Also, with all three figures performing an action and giving off emphatic facial expressions, the scene becomes just too darn jumbled and confusing, especially for the average non-comix-freak-browser.

Inside, "Night of the Reaper" . . . This one's weird, and not necessarily the kind of weird Denny may or may not have intended. The plot was thin—an ex-Nazi P.O.W. seeks revenge on his camp master. Nazi war criminals, an idea from Harlan Ellison? Come one, Har! From me, maybe, I being a Nazi-as-villains freak, but it's been worked soooo into the ground! Yes, the plot was thin and too camp by any normal standards—note I said *normal!* Because, in this instance, it all worked and worked well! Don't ask my why, it just did. It was all put together so skillfully, right down to Al Weiss tripping out on the floats!

The *Batman* reprint was superb! Imagine, *Batman* actually indifferent to, if not sanctioning a man's death (last page and panel), villain or not. FAR OUT! It was great as a *Batman* solo because, rather than a happenstance separation from *Robin,* at that time for all the world and *Batman* knew there would never be a *Robin.*

Final rating—in spite of flaws, an all-around cheer for one of the best issues of *Batman* this year.

JOHN D. WARNER, Santa Cruz, Ca.

Dear Editor:

"Night of the Reaper" had meaning, maturity, and message without the forced triteness of *relevance* which pervades so many comix today. It was quite refreshing to encounter comments on the human condition which were entertaining and effective without parading under the overworked "NOW" banners of ecology, war, or poverty. These causes are all vital, to be sure, and all have a place in your magazines, but they are also specifics which are dealt with constantly in the news media and as such are subject to a point of saturation.

Batman's feelings of guilt on page 19 were surprisingly well-handled. In two panels you show that he is a mortal man of human feelings, rather than going into the page-after-page soliloquy of self-doubt and melancholy which so many other titles (including some at DC) use in trying to make their heroes appear human. All-in-all, a first-rate issue.

DAVID B. MICHELINIE, Louisville, Ky.

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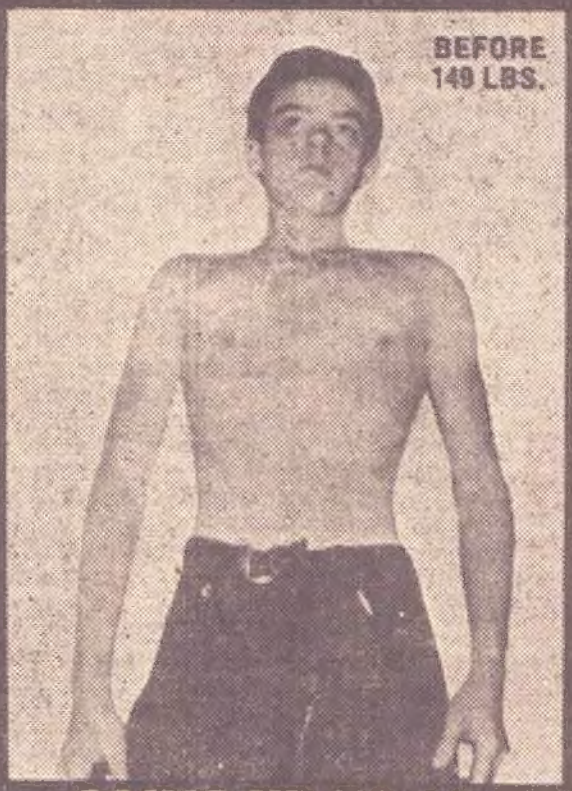

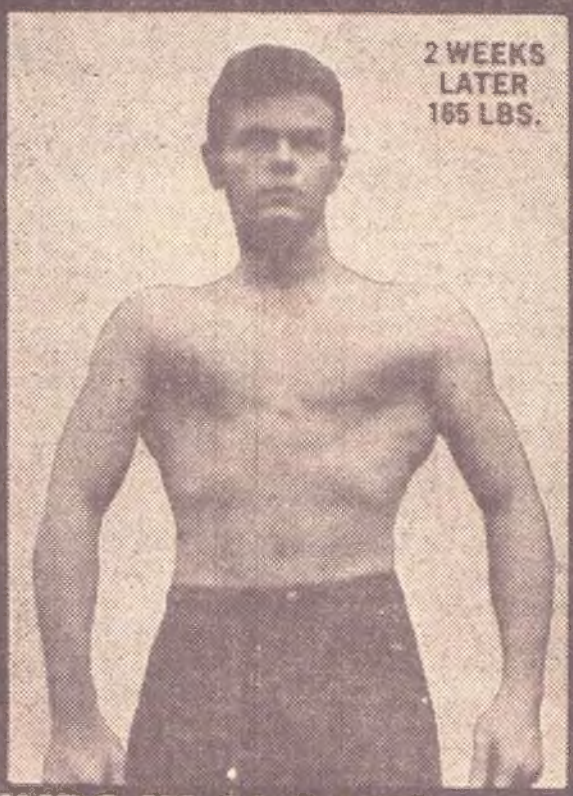

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